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Item WestEd_114449

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Standard: 1.4.PO 6

Blooms Taxonomy: None

Difficulty: None

Alignment:

Related Passage:

Correct Answer: B

Content Collection: MCESA Active Items

The excerpts below are attributed to Alexander Hamilton during the Constitutional Convention in 1787.

I believe the British government forms the best model the world has ever produced. . . . This government has for its object public strength and individual security.

—Alexander Hamilton, Constitutional Convention (June 18, 1787)

We are now forming a republican government. Real liberty is neither found in despotism or the extremes of democracy, but in moderate governments.

—Alexander Hamilton, Constitutional Convention (June 26, 1787)

Based on the excerpts, for which result did Alexander Hamilton argue at the Constitutional Convention?

- A.** to maintain the status quo of a confederation of sovereign states
- B.** to establish a strong central government with checks and balances
- C.** to reserve to the people the power to decide the important questions
- D.** to develop a parliamentary system with connected executive and legislative branches

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Item WestEd_114652

Item Type: Select One

Standard: 1.10.PO 1

Blooms Taxonomy: None

Difficulty: None

Alignment:

Related Passage:

Correct Answer: B

Content Collection: MCESA Active Items

The figure in the political cartoon below is President Richard Nixon in 1974.



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Which action did President Richard Nixon take in response to the pressure exemplified in the political cartoon?

- A.** He launched his reelection campaign.
- B.** He resigned his office to avoid impeachment.
- C.** He replaced his vice president in the next term.
- D.** He pardoned his former aides on trial for corruption.

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Item ss8_pre_summ_2013_121630

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Standard: 3.2.PO 1

Blooms Taxonomy: None

Difficulty: None

Alignment:

Related Passage:

Correct Answer: C

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Which of the following demonstrates the flexibility of the United States Constitution?

- A.** the Presidential veto
- B.** the civilian-led military
- C.** the amendment process
- D.** the ability to levy income taxes

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Item ss8_pre_summ_2013_121801

Item Type: Select One

Standard: 4.4.PO 4

Blooms Taxonomy: None

Difficulty: None

Alignment:

Related Passage:

Correct Answer: D

Content Collection: Bias and Content Review

The list below describes factors that influenced a region in the late twentieth century.

- *glasnost* – openness and freedom
- *perestroika* – political and economic restructuring

Which of these events is the result of the factors described in the list?

- A.** the formation of the European Union
- B.** the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in Ukraine
- C.** the peacekeeping efforts in Bosnia and Kosovo
- D.** the collapse of communism in the Soviet Union